

# NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021

18th March 2021

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***According to the astronomical calendar, spring this year starts on Saturday, March 20 and ends on Monday, June 21.***



**Coming up on Thursday 18 March at 7.30 pm on Zoom - Local food for local folk**

A talk by **Emma Harris-Bass** of the **Kitchen Garden People** in Chadlington

Emma, Christine and Dan, of The Kitchen Garden People, run the **Honeydale Kitchen Garden** at Honeydale Farm near Shipton-under-Wychwood. This is a Community Supported Agriculture Scheme (CSA), helping to revolutionise the way that food reaches consumers.

*'CSA's are a way of being able to supply vegetables and other fresh produce to local people, eliminating waste and unnecessary packaging; it's a partnership between farmers and the local community in which the risks and rewards of the whole process are shared,' explains Emma.*

This talk will be held on Zoom and will be available free for all members.

An email containing the Zoom link was sent to all current members on Tuesday morning 16 March. If you haven't received it then please email

[secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk)

It is really important to us that you are able to join the Zoom meetings if you wish to. If you have a problem, please let us know and we can put you in touch with someone to support you and/or to set it up.

One thing to mention is that it will be recorded so if anyone would like to watch the recording of it they should email [secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk)



### **Saturday 8th May at 10am to 12 noon - Plant and Seed Swap**

When you begin to sow your annual seeds this year perhaps you could pop in a few extra! We are aiming to repeat last October's Plant & Seed Swap on the Playing Close on Saturday 8 May as long as local restrictions allow.

So, if you are still dividing perennials or have any plants you want to get rid of to create space, then please keep them to one side. Plants and seeds will be free but we will be asking for donations for the Corner House and Memorial Hall once again.

### **SPRING SHOW 24th April 2021 - POSTPONED**

#### **New date Saturday 11th September**

We have decided, in these uncertain times, that we will follow Chelsea's lead and postpone our Spring Show until the Autumn. We will aim to have a bumper show on Saturday 11th

September in the Memorial Hall – showcasing the wonderful produce and flowers we will all be growing over the summer. Watch this space!



The RHS spring newsletter makes interesting reading this month, with articles on **Pollution fighting plants** and how to go **Plastic Free**.

Here's the link:

<https://communities.cmail19.com/t/ViewEmail/d/4497FFD88D723F482540EF23F30FEDED/B5FA1D91208DF32625D77A725F39070E>



### **Growing vegetables**

You may be a newbie to grow your own, or a seasoned allotmenteer but either way for a beautiful reminder of when to sow vegetables the Charles Dowding sowing times can be really useful.

<https://charlesdowding.co.uk/sowing-timeline-for-vegetables/>

## **THANK YOU**

**We'd like to say a BIG thank you to members who have made donations in lieu of subscription fees. We have plans for planting several areas in Charlbury so these funds are welcome. That's in addition to bringing you some excellent talks (we hope) and later some interesting self drive trips out (when we're allowed out again). Fingers crossed for an Annual Flower and Produce Show in September!**

## **CHARLBURY GARDENERS**

Don't forget to check out the Charlbury Gardeners group. It's at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/charlburygardeners/>, it's public, and it's got 180 members. It's a place for chatting and sharing.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS & HELP**

If you would like to contribute anything to the newsletter for the next month, please contact us. Photographs and short written articles would be welcomed.

We desperately need someone to join us on the publicity team. A knowledge of MailChimp desirable or a willingness to learn. To find out more contact Angela on: [secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk](mailto:secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk)